

HOUSE BILL 680
By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Chapter 29 of the Private Acts of 1965; as amended by Chapter 26 of the Private Acts of 1999 and Chapter 134 of the Private Acts of 2002; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to elected officers in the Town of Trezevant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Chapter 29 of the Private Acts of 1965, as amended by Chapter 26 of the Private Acts of 1999 and Chapter 134 of the Private Acts of 2002, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 6. *Terms of Officers, Elections and Vacancies*

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in this act, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder in office at the time this act becomes effective shall continue to serve until the end of the term for which they were elected or appointed and until their successors are elected or appointed unless they sooner resign or vacate their offices.

In 2008, a general town election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and every two (2) years thereafter, concurrent with the federal election, for the purpose of electing one (1) mayor and five (5) aldermen to two-year, non-staggered terms on the Trezevant Board of Mayor and Aldermen. For the purposes of implementing this act, there shall be an election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2006 and the terms of offices for Trezevant elected municipal officials shall be extended as follows:

(1) The three (3) aldermanic terms scheduled to expire with the election on the first Tuesday of March 2006 are hereby extended to the election scheduled for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2006. The terms of office for these three (3) aldermanic positions elected in November 2006 and thereafter shall be two (2) years.

(2) The mayor and two (2) aldermanic terms scheduled to expire with the election on the first Tuesday of March 2008 are hereby extended to the election scheduled for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2008.

All newly elected municipal officials shall take office on the first Tuesday following their election.

All municipal elections shall be held by the Carroll County Election Commission in the same manner as prescribed for state and county elections.

Every person registered to vote under the laws of Tennessee for officials of Carroll County and the state of Tennessee and who, in addition, has been a resident of, or owned real property located in, the Town of Trezevant for thirty (30) days next preceding the day of the election shall be entitled to vote.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for Mayor and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes for Aldermen shall be declared to be elected to the number of offices open for election. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the remaining members of the newly elected Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall choose from the tied candidates and declare the choice elected.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Aldermen, the Board shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. At the first meeting after each municipal election, and as its first order of business, the newly elected Board shall, after taking the oath of office, choose one (1) person from among themselves to serve a two-year term as Vice-Mayor. The Vice-Mayor shall serve as Mayor during the temporary absences of the Mayor.

No person shall be eligible for office of Mayor or Aldermen unless such person has been a resident citizen and qualified voter of the Town for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the election.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of Trezevant. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.